

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/014,619

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR ULTRASONICALLY CLEANING
IRRADIATED NUCLEAR FUEL
ASSEMBLIES

Examiner: Palabrica, Ricardo J

Art Group: 3663

Confirmation No.: 4759

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2008 in the above referenced application. Applicants are also submitting herewith a petition for a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to July 21, 2008 (Monday) as July 19, 2008 is a Saturday.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 10 of this paper and include the attached new sheet.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a New Sheet is attached following page 20 of this paper.